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SUBJECT: US-USSR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: RENEWAL  
(05.00) -

REF: MOSCOW 12791

1. DEPARTMENT AND DOT CONCUR THAT SCICOUNS SHOULD RESPOND  
IN WRITING AS AYKAZYAN REQUESTS. WE PREFER FOLLOWING  
TEXT: (BEGIN TEXT)

DEAR EDUARD:

THIS WILL RESPOND TO YOUR REQUEST FOR A FURTHER CLARIFICA-  
TION OF THE U.S. PROPOSAL FOR A TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE  
US-USSR AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN TRANSPORTATION. AS  
MR. RAMUNDO AND I HAD INDICATED TO YOU IN OUR MEETING ON  
MAY 23, THE U.S. SIDE HAS NOT BEEN TOTALLY SATISFIED WITH  
THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED DURING THE FIRST FIVE-YEAR TERM OF  
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THIS AGREEMENT. THE U.S. SIDE FELT OBLIGED, FOR EXAMPLE,  
TO TERMINATE COOPERATION IN THE MARINE TRANSPORT SECTION OF  
THE AGREEMENT DUE TO THE FAILURE OF YOUR SIDE TO PERMIT  
ACCESS TO FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT THAT WOULD HAVE PROVIDED  
REASONABLE EQUIVALENCY OF BENEFITS. THIS ISSUE HAS RAISED

SOME QUESTION AS TO THE ADEQUACY OF THE LEADERSHIP AND

COORDINATION THE SOVIET SIDE HAS PROVIDED AND WHICH IS  
NECESSARY FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A TRULY BALANCED AND  
MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL PROGRAM OF COOPERATION IN TRANSPORTA-  
TION. AFTER THOROUGH CONSIDERATION, THE USG HAS DECIDED  
THAT A TWO-YEAR (EXTENDIBLE) RENEWAL OF THIS AGREEMENT IS  
THE BEST OPTION. WE CONSIDER THAT THE TWO-YEAR TERM WILL  
ENABLE BOTH SIDES TO JUDGE WHETHER A SEPARATE PROGRAM OF  
COOPERATION IN TRANSPORTATION CAN BE JUSTIFIED. I HOPE  
THE ABOVE WILL ASSIST YOU IN YOUR REVIEW OF THE US RENEWAL  
PROPOSAL AND WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING THE RESPONSE OF THE  
SOVIET SIDE TO THIS PROPOSAL AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.  
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